

# GRAPPEVINE

**SUMMER  
2018  
9<sup>th</sup> District**

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## 9<sup>th</sup> District Minutes...

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The complete 9<sup>th</sup> District minutes are available on the 9<sup>th</sup> District website. Just click "For Members Only", password "Lasdon" then click on "9<sup>th</sup> District Minutes". Or simply click on this link

<http://www.district9fgcnys.com/For-Members-Only.html>

9<sup>th</sup> District's Annual Spring Luncheon met at the Mount Kisco Country Club, Monday, May 14, 2018 to celebrate clubs and members achievements as well as hearing the annual reports of various committees.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of awards-

#### Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs:

Flower Show Schedule	1st Place	GC Peekskill	Show Me the Money
Flower Show Schedule	1st Place	Pound Ridge GC	The Wedding
Standard Flower Show	1st Place	9 <sup>th</sup> District	As Time Goes By

#### FGCNYS Awards:

Standard Flower Show	1st Place	New Horizons GC	'Tropical Treasures'
Community Gardens	1st Place	Hopp Grounds Garden Club	

<u>World Gardening</u>	largest contributor	Brewster Carmel	
Brewster-Carmel	GC New Rochelle	Briarcliff Manor	GC of Yorktown
Chappaqua GC	Little Gardens Tarrytown	Ardsley GC	Morsemere GC
Boulder Ledge GC	Lake Mahopac GC	Hopp Ground	Pound Ridge GC
GC of Larchmont	Parkway Home/Parkway Gardens GC		

Individual Member Contributors

Merle Huebner	Rita Porcelli	Judith Malatino
Charlotte Spiers	Chester & Auralie Logan	Ariys Mikolay

## IMPORTANT...SAVE THE DATES...IMPORTANT

SUMMER FALL

*General Meeting*  
**July 16, 2018**

First Congregational Church → **Chappaqua**

Speaker: Joseph Ginova : the "how to's" of floral painting and some of his exhibits will be shown

*Flower Show School-Course III*  
**October 2,3 & 4**

← First Congregational Church  
contact: [ckwolff37@gmail.com](mailto:ckwolff37@gmail.com) for info/registration

*9<sup>th</sup> District Flower Show*  
**October 18, 19 & 20**  
Dobbs Ferry Women's Club – Dobb's Ferry

## 9<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT CALENDAR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

<b>June 1-3</b>	New Horizons Petite SFS "Verse & Verdure"	Lasdon	contact: suzy.trager@gmail.com
June 2	Parkway Gardens/Parkway Homes Plant Sale	123 South Road White Plains	contact: Gwen Cort
June 3-9	National Garden Week		
June 8-9	Briarcliff Manor SFS "Tealicious"		
June 11	District Board Meeting – Lasdon		10 am
June 21	Summer Solstice Fundraiser DESIGNS WANTED	Lasdon	contact: suzy.trager@gmail.com
June 22	Newport Flower Show Bus Departs 7am	Chappaqua	contact: ckwolff37@gmail.com
<b>July 16</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> District General Meeting-First Congregational Church-Chappaqua		10 am
<b>August 6</b>	Judges Council	Lasdon	9:45
August 15	Grapevine – Fall Submissions due	past activities July-Sept	future events October-December

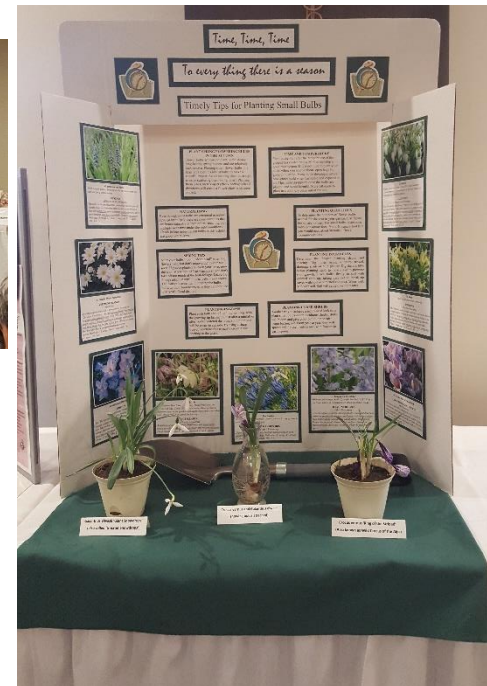


### FGNYS AWARDS CEREMONY APRIL 15-17, 2018



### 9<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT REPORT

### AND EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS



**JOIN FELLOW STATE GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS AT THE FALL CONFERENCE**  
**RADISSON HOTEL                                      SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2018                                      CORNING, NY**  
**JUNE, JULY & AUGUST - 9<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR**

## JUNE

June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

Atria on the Hudson - Ossining NY  
Briarcliff Manor Garden Club's Flower Show "Tealicious"

## JULY

July 10 10:30 am PR Library - 271 Westchester Ave PR Free and open to the public  
Speaker: Courtney Rothhaus Topic: "Flowers for beauty" creating a beauty product from natural ingredients and plants  
July 15 11 am Untermyer Park in Yonkers  
Little Gardens of Tarrytown NY, President's Tour \$25 payable upon arrival  
If you'd like to join us, let Kim Waddell know - 914-625-8814 or waddellkim05@gmail.com

## AUGUST

August 14 10:30 am PR Library - 271 Westchester Ave PR Free and open to the public  
Speaker Margaret Mikolenko, Master Gardener and Horticulturalist Topic: Horticulture Preparation

## SEPTEMBER

Sept 11 10:30 am PR Library - 271 Westchester Ave PR Free and open to the public  
Speaker: Dee Aspros, Accredited Judge Topic: In preparation for our flower show - Dee will present several designs

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[WATER FOR SOUTH SUDAN AND DIGDEEP.ORG/NAVAJO](#) are two organizations supported by FGCNYS and NGC this year. Please note the addition of digdeep.org and when writing your donations; please specify which organization you would like to support.

**SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2018 FALL ANNUAL CONFERENCE CORNING, NY**  
Make your plans now to attend in beautiful Corning, NY. Meet up with fellow state members!  
**Radisson Inn, Corning, NY**

## 9<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 2018 FLOWER SHOWS

June 8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	"Tealicious"	Briarcliff Manor GC	Atria on the Hudson
September 28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	"The Big Apple"	Pound Ridge GC	
October 2018	"An Autumn Palette"	9 <sup>th</sup> District - All Clubs	Dobb's Ferry Women's Club

## ACTIVITIES : APRIL - MAY - JUNE

### Section 1: Joan Bradley, Chair

**Brewster Carmel:** This has been a very busy spring for the club. We had our installation of new officers at our April luncheon. Thanks go out to Carol Della Femina for officiating the event. Our Blue Star Memorial Plaque for Carmel has been ordered. It will be the second By-Way Marker for the club. The first being located in Brewster. The county's District Attorney, Robert V. Tendy, has graciously agreed to donate the funds for the plaque. Our dedication will be held in the fall of 2018. We had a presentation at our May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting on "Growing Orchids" conducted by Sharon Smith-Delisle and we had our plant sale on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be awarding a scholarship of \$500 to a student from Carmel High School whose field of study will be the environment.

**Lake Mahopac: April** – Program: presenter CCE Dutchess County, Chris Ferraro, gave an interesting slide show on "Gardening in Small Spaces." On Arbor Day we celebrated the planting of a red maple tree purchased by the Rotary Club. Its new home is in the Mahopac Chamber Park. The LMGC was asked to select the tree. **May**-Design: "Mother's Day" Tray For One. Two examples were presented for critiquing. Horticulture: Anne Gagliardi will hold a discussion at her home on *Micro Greens Growing Year Long*. **June** – Our annual picnic will be held in the garden of Mary Ragonesi situated on lovely Lake Mahopac. Ragonesi, our program presenter, will talk about "Raised Gardens." The LMGC will be honored by the Carmel Town Board during June National Garden Week for maintaining five gardens in the town. A trip to Ridgefield Gardens (part of the Garden Conservancy Open Days) is planned for June.

**New Horizons:** NH focus has been putting together their upcoming petite show "Verse & Verdure". State President, Monica Hansen, is expected to join the club and judges for lunch. The show is being held at Lasdon Park & Arboretum June 1-3, 2018. The two previous programs were Tables- Functional and Exhibition by Jeanne Nelson and Botanical Jewelry – presentation, Pam Wright and workshop lead by Sue Trager. Both programs were well attended and held at Lasdon.

**Peekskill:** The Club continues to place flowers in the Chapel at the V.A. in Montrose. Our June 6 meeting will include a dish garden workshop by Dan Meyer. For National Garden Week, June 3 – 9, members will place fresh floral arrangements or potted plants to community organizations

**Yorktown:** In April members visited the Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center in Ossining, NY, for a Cornell Cooperative Lecture "Birds, Bees and Beautiful Native Plants. Donna Lassiter, Master Gardener Volunteer with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester, discussed how to create a habitat for birds, bees and a diversity of wildlife by growing beautiful, hardy native plants. She showcased species that thrive in a variety of conditions and their benefits for the environment as well as cultural tips for growing them with success. Her home garden has over 90 species of native plants. The Garden Club of Yorktown held their annual Mother's Day Plant Sale to support town beautification and, in spite of unpleasant weather, was a success. The Glass House, New Canaan, CT, was visited in May. It was built between 1949 and 1995 by architect Philip Johnson and is a National Trust Historic Site. The pastoral 49 acre landscape comprises fourteen structures. The Glass House is home to a permanent collection of 20th century painting and sculpture as well as temporary exhibits. Lunch followed at a local restaurant. Members were treated to a tour of Leslie Needham's private garden River Hills in Bedford during June. Town garden triangles were maintained by members. One garden has been newly planted with natives. our club and other clubs in the district.

### Section 2A: Chris Wolff, Chair

**Briarcliff Manor:** On April 11<sup>th</sup> we had "A Planting Seeds Workshop" in preparation for BMGC's Plant & White Elephant Sale on May 12<sup>th</sup>, BMGC member, John Panagacos conducted a hands-on horticultural activity. We planted seed for 4 different perennials, which are not readily available in nurseries. On May 9<sup>th</sup> we had "A Hydrangea Presentation" with presenter, Jane Jeffers. She is a self-proclaimed hydrangea "enthusiast". A longtime admirer of the plant, she designed a landscape with hydrangea as the principal plant. She has over 38 hydrangeas (20 varieties) in her gardens and continues to experiment with new introductions. This presentation was well attended by our club and other clubs in the district. On June 6<sup>th</sup> we have our end of year member Pot Luck Luncheon at Law Park Pavilion in Briarcliff Manor.

**Chappaqua:** In addition to our annual plant sale and the activities which support it-presales and member perennial dig and divide- we had three program speakers. In April, Theresa Mosher of the New England Rose Society presented "A Year in My Rose Garden" and did a book signing of her easy care rose book and journal. In May, Deborah Taft of Möbius Farms presented "Growing Great Tomatoes" and in June Richard Rosiello presented "Landscape Designs with Perennials" followed by a question and answer session on perennial care and issues. The Chappaqua Garden Club does not meet over the summer. It is anticipated that the September meeting will be a meet and greet with a plant swap and discussion of the swapped plant requisites.

### Section 2B: Mary Bailly, Chair

**Green Acres:**

**Hopp Ground:**

**Pound Ridge:** In April FGCNYS Horticulture Judge Pam Wright gave a very popular presentation on two handbook designs; Cascades and Exhibition Tables with many helpful handouts. We no longer fear Cascade designs! In May, Jan Johnsen, Landscape Designer and author of "The Spirit of Stone" and "Heaven is a Garden" gave a slideshow presentation on designing with stone which included many before and after photos of actual client projects. We had a full house as many members of the public attended. June 9<sup>th</sup> will be our club's annual Day at the PR Nursery where we assist customers and have a raffle. The proceeds of the day benefit civic improvement projects. Later in June we will be touring a private 19th century farmhouse and gardens in Katonah NY.

## ACTIVITIES : APRIL – MAY - JUNE

### *Section 3: Yvonne Avant, Chair*

**Ardsey:** A small Standard Flower Show was held May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> which was an exciting challenge to put it together following the new rules for flower shows. Thankfully, we had lots of help from 9<sup>th</sup> District members. At last, warmer weather allowed us to plant annuals in the Ardsley Library's pollinator garden and in Bicentennial Park as well. Our end of the season luncheon was held June 5<sup>th</sup> at Irvington's Taverna Restaurant. Plans were made to plant more annuals at a few other parts of Ardsley – the Girl Scouts were asked to be part of that effort.

#### **Dobbs Ferry:**

**Parkway Gardens/Homes:** Club members met in early April for a spring clean-up and the planting of bulbs at the garden in Parkway Homes community where the Blue Star Memorial is located. Our annual plant sale in June was a great success. Community members purchased bedding plants, vegetable plants, perennials and plants from the gardens of club members. It was a time where we shared ideas and information with the community about horticulture. Many members of the Club attended the Newport Flower Show. We all had a wonderful experience and thank the Chappaqua Garden Club for opening up their excursion to the other clubs in the 9<sup>th</sup> District!

**Little Gardens of Tarrytown:** We had Doug Decandia speak to us on soil preparation, garden therapy, food justice issues and his work as farmer/educator at Feeding Westchester, formerly Westchester Food Bank. There were two Neperan Park Native Garden maintenance days and an afternoon of planting at Patriots Park, with the Girl Scouts, in time for Memorial Day services. Two arrangements were made for the silent auction at the Rockefeller Preserve Peony event. At least 6 club members registered for the June Newport RI Flower Show. Our annual picnic and thank you event occurred at our newest member's home. Good progress is being made on the Blue Star Memorial to be located at Patriots Park.

**White Plains:** The White Plains Garden Club meeting in May was devoted to catch up as prior 2018 meetings had been cancelled due to weather problems. The Club members authorized donations to the Native Plant Center and a camp fund.

### *Section 4: Suzanne Clephane, Chair*

#### **Boulder Ledge:**

#### **Ceres of Rye**

#### **Larchmont**

### *Section 5: Mary Bowles & Yolanda Gorman, Chairs*

#### **Baychester:**

**City Island:** Our annual Beautification Fund Drive began in April, with solicitation letters mailed to City Island businesses and delivered to Island residents. On April 14, club members and Helping Hands filled our planter boxes along City Island Avenue with a colorful selection of pansies for spring, under the direction of the Beautification Committee. At our May 9 meeting, we finalized spring luncheon details, discussed upcoming activities such as upgrading the Post Office garden and installing tree guards, and nominated club officers for positions that ended in July. The annual spring luncheon, with "Spring Bouquet" as the theme, took place at the City Island Yacht Club on May 17. The luncheon included the raffling off of gift baskets, gift certificates, and special items. Also in May, we added some hydrangeas to the City Island Yacht Club garden, in addition to perennials and shrubs we planted there last summer, as a thank you to the yacht club for letting us use their clubhouse for our meetings. At our June 4 meeting, there was a presentation by Richard Rosiello, a landscape designer and teacher at the New York Botanical Garden. On June 14, 20 club members toured the Clark Botanical Garden in Roslyn, Long Island.

#### **Luther Burbank:**

#### **New Rochelle:**

#### **Manor Club of Pelham:**

**Morsemere:** In April the club members had the pleasure of viewing the lovely "Orchid Dreams" display in the conservatory at Lasdon Park in Katonah, NY. The April club meeting and lunch followed at the home of Beth Fitzgerald. Additionally, members attended the magnificent "Public Parks, Private Gardens – Paris to Provence program at The Met. After marveling at the paintings and displays, featured at the program, the members thoroughly enjoyed lunching and admiring the view from the Members Dining Room at The Met. The members traveled to Brooklyn in May to experience a guided tour of the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. Following the very enjoyable walk through the gardens the members relaxed during lunch at the Yellow Magnolia Canteen, located in the gardens. The club's June meeting was hosted at the home of Susan Blanchard. After the club's business was conducted a Potluck Lunch was served as a fund raiser for the club.